

University of Kentucky

1. Are more Kentuckians ready for postsecondary education?

- Participate fully in current efforts and facilitate new research-based programs to ensure a seamless, P-16 educational system in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Prepare highly effective teachers, student support personnel, and administrators to develop and deliver high quality P-16 and adult education programs.
- Implement an alternative teacher certification program for individuals with bachelor's degrees who are currently teaching with "emergency" or other temporary certificates.
- Support public education reform through exemplary research and service programs.
- Expand school outreach programs, such as the Minority Affairs Summer Prep and Outreach Program, aimed toward facilitating successful high school completion and transition to university life.
- Provide leadership to the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, a collaborative effort among Kentucky universities.
- Enhance student support through scholarships, fellowships, and other forms of financial aid.

2. Are more students enrolling?

- Develop nationally recognized programs to attract the best and brightest students.
- Intensify efforts to recruit Kentucky's finest students, reversing the "brain drain" of talented high school students who attend college out-of-state.
- Increase the enrollment of transfer students who have earned associate in arts/science degrees from the KCTCS and Lexington Community College.
- Extend healthcare graduate and professional programming - particularly in nursing, allied health sciences, pharmacy, and public health - through distance education technologies.
- Increase the availability of on-line courses through the Lexington Community College to increase access to associate degree programs
- Increase the number of on-line courses offered through KYVU.
- Expand the recruitment effort in targeted, underserved counties of Kentucky, and in targeted areas of the United States and international markets.
- Implement new programs - especially at the graduate and professional levels - to meet the growing demand for healthcare and other professionals in Kentucky.
- Enable Lexington Community College to respond to the increasing demand for associate degree and transfer programs.

3. Are more students advancing through the system?

- Facilitate a successful transition to college life and improve retention by developing and implementing a cohesive, comprehensive first-year experience for all incoming freshmen.

- Collaborate with institutions throughout the Commonwealth, both public and independent, to facilitate student attainment at every level - associate, baccalaureate, master's, doctorate, and first professional - to meet the workforce and professional needs of Kentucky.
- Improve and enhance student services programs to advance students through the system.
- Simplify and improve the university studies program in support of the university's commitment to undergraduate education.
- Improve the availability of courses and implement additional proactive interventions to improve the university's six-year graduation rate and the graduation rate of transfer students.
- Increase graduate and first professional student support in the form of scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships; travel to professional meetings or conferences; research or research-related travel; and other programs designed to enhance the scholarly experience.

4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?

- Offer high quality academic programs designed to meet the workforce and professional needs of the new economy.
- Develop and implement a nationally recognized student outcomes assessment program to ensure continuous improvement.
- Expand international study abroad opportunities in which hundreds of students prepare themselves for life and work by visiting other countries and learning from their institutions and experiencing their cultures.
- Provide continued access to a wide variety of well-established experiential education and career planning programs to assist students in preparing for life and work.
- Systematically obtain feedback from graduating seniors and alumni on the quality of their preparation for life and work to facilitate improvement in teaching and learning.

5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

- Forge new partnerships with external agencies - especially the University of Louisville - to promote the efforts of Kentucky in meeting the needs of a global economy.
- Assemble an esteemed faculty through the endowed chairs and professorships program.
- Further increase the university's endowment to support the expansion and improvement of instruction, research and service programs that meet the needs of Kentuckians.
- Increase significantly federal and other noninstitutional research awards and expenditures, particularly in areas that enhance Kentucky's growth and development in the new economy.
- Establish a corporate relations and economic outreach initiative to facilitate the transfer of faculty research outcomes to the business community.
- Continue the growth and development of the Coldstream Research Campus.
- Promote the Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center as an incubator for multi-disciplinary collaborations and start-up ventures.
- Increase the extent to which graduate and first professional students find employment and make their homes in Kentucky.
- Develop new programs at Lexington Community College in response to the economic development priorities and workforce needs of the Bluegrass Region.
- Enhance public service programs to meet the needs of the Commonwealth.